

KM's Senator Harris

Ollie Visits Jimmy

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N.C. Sen. Ollie Harris has paid his first visit to The White House.

"I've been to Washington many times," he told the Kings Mountain Rotary Club last Thursday, "but never to the White House."

Harris was invited to the Capitol by U.S. Sen. Robert Morgan to discuss issues that would affect the state. Later, at The White House, Harris met President Jimmy Carter and was told by The President that "Morgan is one of the few legislators who does invite constituents from his home state to visit and talk."

Harris said The President expressed "appreciation" for Morgan.

"One of the most interesting men I met was the Capitol architect," Senator Harris said. "He is the ninth man to hold the job since the capitol was rebuilt in the 1920s. The old building was burned during the War of 1812."

Senator Harris said the architect took the visitors, 20 representatives from different states, on a tour of the building and "on the west side of the Capitol Building showed us how the whole structure was supported by logs. I understand from Robert that a fight over \$85 million to repair the building has been going on for several years in Washington."

The state legislator from Kings Mountain said during his visit to The White House he and the other visitors were swarmed over by the press and TV newsmen covering the political scene. "They wanted to know what was up," Harris said. "I had to confess I didn't know what I was there for. This was the same day the visitors from all over the country, who had been invited to meet with The President at Camp David, were in Washington."

After The President departed, Harris said, "We were briefed by three men on The President's staff concerning the SALT II treaty."

"We were told that Russia has on hand 2,400 missiles with warheads aimed at America," Harris said. "The

United States has 2,200. The SALT II treaty is to limit the number of nuclear missiles each country will maintain. We were told that while Russia has more missiles, that we have better ones. Some missiles have three warheads that can hit three different targets."

Senator Harris said the men were asked "how did the country know the Russians can be trusted to keep their word on arms limitations. The answer was that we could go over to the CIA building and listen in on conversations in Russia through electronic methods. We were also told that the Russians have the same setup and listen in to us."

Harris said the briefing also covered the energy crisis. "That isn't a pretty picture. I came away convinced the energy crisis is not entirely a major ripoff scheme by the oil companies. We do have a problem with supplies. And unless this country can come up with some workable answers in the next 10 years, America is going to be in deep trouble."

The senator commented that one thing he saw in Washington made him "very proud of the North Carolina Senate. We dropped into the Senate to listen for a while and there was Sen. Howard Jackson making a fine speech—to four other senators. I couldn't believe there were no more senators attending the session. In Raleigh we don't even hold a session unless there are at least 28 senators in attendance."

The senator commented that after he returned home, a cousin "who is a staunch Republican" asked him why he was so impressed with meeting Jimmy Carter. Harris said he told his cousin "I impress easily. Back in 1930 when Hoover spoke down at the park, I was even impressed by him."



Photo by Katrina McCall

BRAD AND FRIEND—Brad Reynolds, eighth grader and son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reynolds, went looking for his lost cat Tuesday afternoon and found a king snake, which measures five feet long. Brad thinks he will call the black and white snake "Mark Edward" after his best buddy who isn't fond of snakes. Unless someone reports the "pet" as "missing", Brad expects to donate it to Dr. Joe Tally's snake collection.

Herald Classifieds Work

Hospital Project Clearing Hurdles

Kings Mountain Hospital's \$5-million renovation and expansion proposal goes before the Western N.C. Health Systems Agency executive committee Wednesday night with a better than even chance of approval.

Hospital officials and staffers met with the WNCCHA review committee in Morganton last Wednesday and that group voted to recommend to the executive committee that the proposal be approved.

Last week's review produced a summary that raised no objections to the proposal. Two members of the committee had conducted an on-site inspection and reported that the need for this project in Kings Mountain is evident.

The Kings Mountain Hospital officials have applied to the Farmers Home Administration Agency for a \$4.8 million loan to finance the project.

A hospital spokesman said if the executive committee gives approval Wednesday night and the loan is okayed, bids on the

project will be let about May 1980. The project is expected to take several years to complete and the loan would be paid back over a 30-year period.

Grady Howard, KMH administrator, along with members of the board of trustees, medical and hospital staff, are expected to attend the meeting Wednesday in Asheville.

Phenix Employe Day Set

The management of Burlington Industries' Phenix Plant will cook hamburgers and hot dogs to feed employes on Aug. 29 to show appreciation.

Bill Holt, corporate vice president, and Ed Murray, group division vice president, of Greensboro will be on hand to help with the program.

The plant management will sizzle burgers and boil the dogs at 11 a.m., 5 p.m. and again at 11 p.m. to feed the employes on all three shifts.

At Community Center

Gym, Dance Classes Scheduled To Begin

The Kings Mountain School of Gymnastics and Dance will open its second fall season at the Kings Mountain Community Center Sept. 6.

Colleen Smith and Kathy Setzer, directors, have plans for students during this season (which runs through May 1980) including a fall show to raise funds for equipment; a Christmas show for parents and friends and field trips to other gym schools for competitions.

Ms. Smith said a new gym team is being formed, also.

Advanced students will perform in Charlotte at the Festival in The Park in September.

Gymnastics classes are now one hour long and include tumbling, floor exercise routines, balance beam, corrective and stretching exercises. Classes are open to ages 4 through adult and cost \$12 per month, plus a \$5 registration fee, which covers students with insurance.

Dance classes will be offered in ballet, jazz, tap and disco (for couples) and a ladies dancercise class for ages 3 through adult. The cost is \$15 per month and a \$5 registration fee, which includes insurance. Ms. Smith is certified to teach by

the U.S. Gymnastics Safety Association. Ms. Setzer is certified by the Dance Masters of America.

Parents of students are reminded they must be present on registration day to complete required forms and sign them. The registration fee and first months tuition is also required at that time.

Morris Costumes will have a representative at the community center on Sept. 18 to fit students for dance wear and shoes needed in classes.

Registration for the gym and dance classes is Thurs., Aug. 30 from 4-7 p.m. at the community center.

Rotary Governor To Visit

Rotary District Governor Peter H. Gerns will visit the Kings Mountain Rotary Club Thurs., Sept. 13.

Local club president, Ed Helms, said Gerns will be in Kings Mountain at 9 a.m. to meet with the KM club president and secretary. At 10:30 a.m. the directors and committee chairmen will meet to outline the new year's program.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Zoning & Planning Board will meet Thursday Aug. 23, 1979 at 8 p.m. in the Council Room of the Governmental Service Facility Building (New City Hall) to hear the following request:

1. St. Paul's Methodist Church, 219 N. Candler Street, request rezoning from R-6 to R-O (residential-office) so that they may meet the setback requirements for their new church building. Residential-Office Zone is for office and institutional buildings.
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